

## Wycombe Wanderers 0, Maidenhead United 1.

**I**T was like watching a film of the previous week's game when Wycombe replayed their Berks and Bucks semi-final at Chesham on Saturday. The weather was as kind, the warm sun playing on the firm pitch, and Wycombe were as unkind, serving up a poor dish of football for their fans who had travelled over the hill.

They were pathetic! They let Maidenhead go into a ten-minute lead and then sat back and waited for the Berkshire side to make a defensive error.

This they didn't do. And after taking a deserved lead they were not content to rest on their laurels, but kept up the pressure.

They were faster both on and off the ball than Wycombe, and had far more idea of what to do with it once they had it.

The Maidenhead defence was as solid as a rock while the forward line always looked dangerous, urged on by the speedy work of tricky wingers Woolley and Wise. And they always were more able to control the tricks of the lively ball on the hard, somewhat bare pitch.

### JUST AS BAD

Then what was wrong with Wycombe? They were equally as bad as last week when they drew 2-2 with Maidenhead after extra time.

Their main failure was their inability to turn good midfield play into any sort of an attack. The forwards were so bad that at half-time manager Barry Darvill forsook his well-tryed 3, 3, 4 system

and went back to the orthodox game.

But it was no good, they seemed to have forgotten even how to play that.

Maidenhead, who head the Athenian League, premier division, table, looked confident from the start.

They went into the lead in grand fashion after a mid-field free-kick was taken by centre-half Bob Hatt. He lobbed the ball high into the penalty area and Woolley did well to head it smartly to the feet of centre-forward Chris Mulen who shot hard and low past Maskell from close in.

That was it. Wycombe never looked like equalising. The only real-looking shot they had came from left-half Charlie Gale—and that was blocked by a Wycombe player.

I shall not discuss the Wycombe side one by one. But with the exception of Maskell, Rundle and Roystone, who at times showed more enthusiasm than skill, I would say their positions are in extreme jeopardy.

Had Wanderers reserves won on Saturday instead of losing at home, I can think of half-a-dozen who may well have been given a chance in the first team.